

**LIVE BIRTHS BY AGE OF MOTHER AND MINOR CIVIL DIVISION OF RESIDENCE
MACOMB COUNTY RESIDENTS,
2002**

AGE OF MOTHER

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Minor civil division (MCD) data contained in vital statistics data files, and reports developed from the files, are based upon the information supplied to the department in the course of registering vital events. Special studies of MCD data quality revealed that there are inaccuracies in these data. The degree of inaccuracy encountered is as high as 25 percent. Any use of these data, especially for comparisons across MCD's, may be affected by inaccurate reporting. The most common mis-allocation error occurs with smaller cities or villages, surrounded by a township. People providing information for the vital record stipulate that the subject of the vital record or the decedent lives in a city, rather than in a township which was their actual residence. This is usually because the subject post office address is the city. When rates are calculated from these data differ substantially from state or county rates, the analyst should determine if events were allocated to the proper MCD. The analyst should contact VR/HDDS for assistance in this task.